

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the telephone conference of April 30, 2003, in which he offered the Action subsequently issued May 1, 2003.

The amended claims are drafted on the basis that both of West, et al. and Suskind do not disclose a composite pulp molding article formed into a special shape as shown in amended claims 1 or 5. The paperboard shown in West, et al. is different from the pulp molding article of claim 1 or 5. Please see claim 2 of West, et al., for example.

The objective of the present invention can be accomplished by using a composite pulp molding article of the amended claims. Please see the third paragraph in page 14 and Fig. 8 in the specification, for example.

Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, requested.


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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A composite pulp ~~packing material~~ container for packing comprising:

a pulp packing material including a first layer containing crosslinked pulp material as a main component; and a second layer containing a non-crosslinked material as a main component, wherein said pulp packing material is molded into a shape such that said first layer constitutes an inner surface which contacts with an article to be packed in said container and said second layer constitutes an outer surface of said container.

2. (currently amended) A composite pulp ~~packing material~~ container for packing according to Claim 1, wherein said second layer contains pulp or biodegradable plastics as a main component.

3. (currently amended) The composite pulp ~~packing material~~ molding container for packing according to Claim 1, wherein at least one surface of said packing material is covered with a film of plastics.

4. (currently amended) The composite pulp ~~packing material~~ molding container for packing according to Claim 2, wherein at least one surface of said packing material is covered with a film of plastics.

5. (currently amended) A composite pulp packing material molding container for packing comprising:

a pulp packing material including a sheet containing non-crosslinked pulp as a main component; and a film of plastics that covers at least only one surface of said sheet wherein said pulp packing material is molded into a shape such that said one surface covered by said film of plastics constitutes an inner surface which contacts with an article to be packed in said container and the other surface not covered by said film of plastics constitutes an outer surface of said container.

6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) The method for producing a composite pulp packing material molding container for packing, comprising the steps of: according to Claim 5, wherein

producing a said first layer is produced in crosslinked pulp as a main component and having a shape such that said first layer constitutes an inner surface that contacts with an article to be packed in said container on a first mold;

producing a said second layer is produced containing non-crosslinked pulp as a main component and having a shape such that said second layer constitutes an outer surface of said container on in a second mold; and

sticking said first and second layers are cramped to each other while being cramped between said first and second molds and then stuck to each other to complete said container.

8. (currently amended) ~~The A~~ method for producing a composite pulp packing material ~~molding container for packing according to Claim 5,~~ further comprising the steps of:

producing a first layer containing crosslinked pulp as a main component;

producing a second layer containing non-crosslinked material as a main;

~~performing press molding after~~ forming a pulp packing material by sticking said first and second layers to each other; and

molding the pulp packing material into a shape such that said first layer constitutes an inner surface which contacts with an article to be packed in said container and said second layer constitutes an outer surface of said container by press molding.

9. (currently amended) A method for producing a composite pulp packing material, molding container for packing according to claim 7 further comprising the steps of: forming a film of plastics covering said inner surface and/or said outer surface.

~~covering at least one surface of a sheet containing non-crosslinked pulp as a main component, with a film of plastics; and then,~~

~~heating said sheet~~

10. (new) A method for producing a composite pulp molding container for packing comprising the steps of:

producing a first layer containing crosslinked pulp as a main component and being molded into a shape such that said first layer constitutes an inner surface that contacts with an article to be packed in said container in a first mold;

producing a second layer of biodegradable plastic, molded into a shape such that said second layer constitutes an outer surface of said container in a second mold; and sticking said molded first and second layers to each other to complete said container.

11. (new) A method for producing a composite pulp molding container for packing comprising the steps of:

producing a first layer containing crosslinked pulp as a main component;
molding the first layer into a shape such that said first layer constitutes an inner surface which contacts with an article to be packed in said container by press molding;
producing a second layer containing non-crosslinked material as a main component;
molding the second layer into a shape such that said second layer constitutes an outer surface of said container by press molding; and
sticking said press molded first and second layers to each other to complete said container.

12. (new) The method for producing a composite pulp molding container for packing according to claim 10, further comprising the step of forming a film of plastics covering said inner surface and/or said outer surface.

13. (new) The method for producing a composite pulp molding container for packing according to claim 8, further comprising the step of forming a film of plastics covering said inner surface and/or said outer surface.

14. (new) The method for producing a composite pulp molding container for packing according to claim 11, further comprising the step of forming a film of plastics covering said inner surface and/or said outer surface.